# **SENATE BILL No. 186**

#### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-10.2-2-1.

**Synopsis:** Local unit retirement and disability systems. Authorizes a political subdivision that is not a participant in the public employees' retirement fund (PERF) to provide, independently of PERF, retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for its employees.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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January 7, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.





#### Second Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2002)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in this style type, and deletions will appear in this style type.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or *this style type* reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning pensions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. IC 5-10.2-2-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.119-2000, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 1. Scope; Purpose. (a) This article applies to the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund and the public employees' retirement fund. Each retirement fund covered by this article is a separate retirement fund managed by its board under its retirement fund law. Each board shall make and publish regulations which are appropriate to the efficient administration of this article. The obligations of the state and political subdivisions for benefit payments are specified in each retirement fund law.

- (b) Each fund is an independent body corporate and politic. A fund is not a department or agency of the state but is an independent instrumentality exercising essential government functions.
- (c) For purposes of IC 34-13-2, IC 34-13-3, and IC 34-13-4, each board, each fund, and all employees of each board or fund are public employees (as defined in IC 34-6-2-38). All employees of each board or fund employed within a classification covered by a labor agreement

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(d) The benefits specified in this article and the benefits from the Social Security Act provide the retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for public employees and teachers. However, this article does not prohibit a political subdivision from establishing and providing before January 1, 1995, and continuing to provide after January 1, 1995, retirement, disability, and survivor benefits for the public employees of the political subdivision independent of this article if the political subdivision took action before January 1, 1995, and was is not a participant in the public employees' retirement fund. on January 1, 1995, under this article or IC 5-10.3.

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